

SAYS MARINES CAN'T GUARD NAVY YARDS

But Owing to Navy Policy General Barnett Asks for Only 1,500 Increase.

FEARS A SUDDEN DEMAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—On being informed that Secretary of the Navy Daniels was going to ask Congress for an increase of only 1,500 enlisted men for the navy, Major-General George Barnett, commander of the Marine Corps, has limited his recommendations to an increase of 1,500 men in the Marine Corps. These recommendations are set forth in General Barnett's annual report, made public tonight, which also shows that the Marine Corps at its present authorized strength lacks 7,200 men to perform its duties.

This shortage is distributed in the report as follows:

For a sudden emergency to man reserve ships of the fleet, 1,400. In force at fixed defenses to handle submarine mines, aero defense batteries, searchlights, etc., 500. In mobile land forces to cooperate with coast artillery force of the army, 2,000. As guards at navy yards, magazines, arsenals, etc., 1,500. At recruiting depots and target ranges, 100. Other increases needed, 600.

Appointee of Daniels.

In explaining why he does not urge Congress to give the needed increase, General Barnett, who was appointed to his present position by Secretary Daniels, says:

For the reasons above quoted it is apparent that in order to properly perform the duties which have been assigned to it the Marine Corps should be increased by approximately 7,200 men. In this connection the Department's attention is called to the fact that in the event of an emergency the Marine Corps has no means of expansion other than by enlisting and training recruits. Eight months is believed to be the minimum time required in which to fit men for their duties if they are assigned to new organizations, and ordinarily before the expiration of this period the questions at issue will have been decided and the emergency will have terminated.

Even though the needs of the service are as above outlined, yet as the Department upon the recommendation of the General Board has adopted as its general policy the maintenance of the Marine Corps at one-fifth of the navy, my request for an increase will be based upon this policy.

Therefore having been informed that the Department will recommend an increase of 1,500 enlisted men for the navy, I advise and earnestly urge that the Department approve my recommendation that the Marine Corps be increased by 1,500 enlisted men, which is the minimum increase which I believe is necessary for the maintenance of the Marine Corps at one-fifth of the navy.

More Officers Wanted.

General Barnett also recommends an increase of sixty officers and twenty-three warrant officers and in this connection asks Congress to enact some kind of legislation for the easy promotion and commissioning of officers as a substitute for the abolished plucking board. Because of the few requirements in the upper grades at the present time stagnation in the lower grades is a serious problem to such an extent that a Second Lieutenant may serve fifteen years in that grade before there is hope of promotion. Under the present regulations a Second Lieutenant explains by 1920 the average age of officers will be 51 years, of First Lieutenants 44 years and twenty of the Second Lieutenants now on the list will be in that grade.

Inasmuch as the duties of the Marine Corps as advance base forces in time of war are particularly arduous and are such as to require the officers to endure the same hardships as the men, General Barnett says that the company officers should be comparatively young men of physical and mental vigor.

Referring to the shortage existing from the present shortage in the marine detachments guarding navy yards and magazines, General Barnett continues:

Can't Guard Navy Yards.

Small increases in a few detachments have been authorized by the Department, but owing to the lack of proper training and sufficient instruction in the use of arms and all of these detachments are still of inadequate strength. It is unquestionably in line with the soundest military policy to provide adequate military training for the Marine Corps, as in the event of war their destruction or serious injury would cripple the fleet as well as paralyze the success of our operations. Approximately 1,500 additional men are needed for this purpose.

General Barnett also recommends reorganization of the party of members of the Marine Band, which, he says, is "usually the President's band and is used for all official functions both at the White House and elsewhere."

Formerly, he says, the band was able to accept liberal remuneration, in addition to its regular pay, from private entertainment for which it was in great demand.

This condition, however, says the report, has recently changed and the band has been denied competition with local orchestras due to protests made by the latter.

\$1,000,000 Y. M. C. A. TO OPEN.

Big Programme for New Year's Day at Brooklyn Memorial.

The formal opening of Brooklyn's new \$1,000,000 Y. M. C. A. building, the Charles South Memorial, will take place on New Year's Day, at 11 o'clock, the programme having been arranged to celebrate the event. A general invitation is extended to the public to attend.

A reception will be held in the foyer from 2 until 5 o'clock. Concerts, recitations, an organ recital, in which the new \$10,000 organ will be used; musical numbers from Eric Lardo, pianist; Ashley Rupp, barytone, and Lucille Chittie, violinist, and readings by W. J. Williams will be features. A novelty will be a wireless entertainment in which guests may send radio messages to any point in Manhattan. The messages will be picked from the air by West End Y. M. C. A.'s wireless outfit and taken to the proper addresses by the rooms. Exhibitions of carrom and pocket billiards and an athletic programme are also on the programme.

"THE GENTLEMAN FROM ILLINOIS" HAS HIS LITTLE JOKE

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON GENTLY JOSHING SPEAKER CLARK:

"CHAMP, YOU DEMS SHOULD REMEMBER THAT IT IS WRITTEN: BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM."



RELIC DATED 100 B. C. KEY TO EARLY MEXICAN RACE

Work of Mayan Sculptor Shows That Culture Flourished in America's Prehistoric Days—Discovery Opens Up Dim Era, Revealing Our Oldest Known Art.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—A small stone statuette from Vera Cruz, which has been in the possession of the National Museum here since 1903, has been identified as the oldest known dated antique in America. Its ancient Mayan glyphs inscriptions show that it was made 100 years before Christ, which is the oldest date authenticated in the New World.

This unique image was found in 1902 by a peon while ploughing in the district of San Andres Tuxtla, near the Gulf of Mexico, about 100 miles southeast of Vera Cruz, and came to the museum through the courtesy of R. E. Uebrecht in the next year. It is composed of hard grayish green stone, a variety of nephrite or jade, carved into a rounded conical form about 6 1/2 inches in height and 3 1/2 inches in diameter at the base.

Its general outlines give the impression of an old Mexican god or priest in a cane or casaca. The upper part represents a human head having a somewhat pointed head crown with well defined, though primitively cut features. The lower part of the face is covered with a mask, resembling in appearance the bill of a duck, curved in relief and extending down over the chest like a beard. The cheeks and ears are outlined by a conventional scroll design, which lends a genial expression to the face.

Has Outline of a Bird.

The idea of a casaca or other loose garment disappears when the figure is examined closely, for the birdlike form is further emphasized by wings covering the sides of the figure, the lower margins of which are carved to represent feathers. Beneath the wings the outlines of a bird's feet and legs are engraved.

On the front, back and sides of this little figure are the peculiar characters called glyphs in which the early inhabitants of southern Mexican and northern Central America, known as the Mayas, wrote and recorded their history and achievements. So far only parts of the ancient inscriptions of the Mayas have been deciphered. Thirty years ago Maya inscriptions were a sealed book, but today we may read of the rise and fall of their several cities and follow the course of native development even though we cannot fill in the background.

The nature of the several inscriptions is similar to more recent writings of this prehistoric race, yet the form of the particular characters are so elemental that only the date signs or numbers are translatable.

No Foreign Influence.

The figure in its form and execution is well within the range of Ancient Mexican or Mayan achievement and presents no features suggestive of foreign origin or influence. The general shape evidently was laboriously worked out from a block of irregularly shaped stone by the use of stone hammers, the unevenness of the surface, especially on the front and back, never having been fully removed, although the stone is well polished. The under surface shows the characteristic markings produced by primitive methods of sawing hard stone before the discovery of metals. Broad shallow lines trace the composite features of the man and bird and establish that the polishing was done after they were cut. All the glyphs were added after the shaping of the image was completed and the surface polished. The carving on the hard polished surface was not easy to show by the narrow and uneven scratches, which never received the smoothing and finishing touches.

What is known as the introducing glyph of the initial series on the image has been shown by Sylvanus G. Morley of the Carnegie Institution of Washington to indicate a length of time in the Maya calendar equal to eight cycles, six katuns, two tune, four uinals and seventeen kins, which, compared to our calendar, means back about 100 B. C., the oldest definite recorded date known to students of anthropological history in the New World.

The people responsible for this little image, known as the Mayas, now are resident principally in Yucatan, Chiapas, Tabasco and adjoining Central American republics, but one small group, the Huasteca, is found in northern Vera Cruz. It does not seem unlikely to scientists that the entire coast line of the State was at one time the habitat of these ancient peoples who have left a key to their history, religion, language and customs in the stone manikin.

MEXICAN RELICS UNEARTHED.

Dr. Nelson Buck With Many Specimens for the Museum.

Prospecting in the desert region of New Mexico for sites of ruined villages, where prehistoric people built communal dwelling places, Dr. Nelson Buck, of the Smithsonian Institution, has unearthed a variety of hard grayish green stone, a variety of nephrite or jade, carved into a rounded conical form about 6 1/2 inches in height and 3 1/2 inches in diameter at the base.

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CHICAGO MAN DIES OF "PETROMORTIS"

Overcome by Gas Fumes From Auto in His Garage, Case Baffles Doctors.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A new form of death made its appearance here today when M. Humphrey, a lawyer, was overcome by gas fumes from his automobile, dying of petromortis.

Mr. Humphrey was found dead on the floor of a garage in the rear of his residence, 1107 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C., will continue and be conducted at the same place and under the same name for the owner by H. C. Berghelmer, manager. Mr. Berghelmer has been the manager for the present Mrs. Woodrow Wilson during many years.

DEATH LAID TO LACK OF MEDICAL ATTENTION

Coroner Wagner Investigates Case of A. H. Schubert, a Christian Scientist.

Following the death from pneumonia yesterday morning of Alexander H. Schubert, an insurance broker, in his home at 473 First avenue, Brooklyn, Coroner Ernest C. Wagner conducted an investigation which showed him, he said, that Schubert, a Christian Scientist, had refused medical aid which would almost surely have saved his life.

Coroner Wagner said that if it is learned later that any one else was responsible for Schubert's failure to get proper medical attention action on the part of the Coroner will follow.

With Schubert lived his wife, also a Christian Scientist, his wife's mother and three of his wife's relatives. Schubert became ill last Thursday and during the day one of his wife's relatives summoned Dr. Robert H. Carr, 254 Kingston avenue. Dr. Carr went to the house, saw Schubert, but the latter refused to take any medicine or advice from the physician. Dr. Carr went away.

When Schubert died yesterday morning Dr. Carr notified the Coroner's office, and Coroner Wagner and his physician, Dr. George Tong, went to the house. An autopsy was performed which proved, said Dr. Tong, that Schubert's illness was not of a serious nature, and that if he had received medical attention his life would have been saved.

The second Branch Detective Bureau was notified and Detective Harry Lane was assigned to investigate. "As far as I have learned," said Coroner Wagner last night, "Schubert himself was responsible for his failure to receive medical attention. If I learn, however, that any one else was responsible for this, action on my part will follow."

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CAUGHT IN THE RAIN, WILSON FIGHTS COLD

Keeps to His Room After Wetting on Golf Course, but Has Good Appetite.

HE ALSO MISSES CHURCH

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 25.—President Wilson took care to-night to ward off a cold which he may have caught today. The President and his bride were far out on the golf course late in the afternoon when a heavy shower of rain came. There was no shelter near and the President stripped off his sweater for Mrs. Wilson. They ran for the hotel and arrived there breathless and considerably bedraggled. The President is very susceptible to colds and it was reported to-night that there was a large order for quinine from his room for the rainy season.

The rain came up suddenly and with the volume of a miniature cloudburst. Its very suddenness made the Presidential couple believe that it could last long. They started to retrace their way to the hotel at a walk. Then they threw dignity to the wind and ran a pace that made the secret service men blow.

The sweaters failed to save Mrs. Wilson from a soaking. By the time the party reached the shelter of the hotel water was dripping from their hats and clothing. Every foot in the party was water-logged.

Despite a good rubdown the President showed a disposition to sneeze, which decided him to keep in his room for the rest of the day. He took several anti-cold concoctions and it was announced later that he was none the worse for the drizzling.

The day—outside of the rain incident—was spent quietly by the President and Mrs. Wilson. There were hundreds of messages from all sections of the country and from the rulers of a score of the world's nations, expressing the wishes of the season, to read and answer. And there were scores of gifts and remembrances to inspect. These had been arranged about the foot of a small Christmas tree in the Presidential suite. Many of the presents were costly, others were simple little gifts or notes of good wishes from the President's official family, relatives and personal friends.

President Wilson's daughters were not with him today, but all of them sent presents and good wishes.

One thing the rain did for the President and his bride was to give them hearty congratulations. Their menu to-night included champagne, caviar, green turtle soup, celery, olives and radishes, creamed fresh mushrooms, roast turkey, two helpings each, two green peas, hot-house asparagus, endive salad, fancy ice and demi-tasse.

Christmas services were held at St. Luke's Episcopal church here this morning, where a large congregation gathered in the hope of seeing President and Mrs. Wilson, but neither attended.

MRS. WILSON NOT TO SELL

Her Jewelry Business Is to Go On as Usual.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The President's bride has not discontinued her interest in the jewelry house of Galt & Bros., Washington, D. C., will continue and be conducted at the same place and under the same name for the owner by H. C. Berghelmer, manager. Mr. Berghelmer has been the manager for the present Mrs. Woodrow Wilson during many years.

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